Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A real-time method executed on a computer for exchanging information between disparate computing platforms, said method comprising:

creating a first plurality of request messages on a first computing platform for information located on a second computing platform;

formatting said first plurality of request messages to construct a request data stream;

translating said request data stream at said first computing platform into a platform independent language to create a translated request data stream;

transmitting said translated request data stream to said second computing platform;

translating said translated request data stream at said second computing platform into a format readable by said second computing platform; and,

parsing said translated request data stream into a second plurality of request messages.;

processing said second plurality of request messages at said second computing platform to create a plurality of first response messages;

formatting said plurality of first response messages to construct a response data stream;

translating said response data stream into said platform independent language; and,

transmitting said response data stream to said first computing platform in said platform independent language.

2.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the platform independent language is a formatting mark-up language.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

4.   (currently amended) The method of claim 3 1, further comprising:

translating said response data stream from said platform independent language to a format readable on said first computing platform;

parsing said first response data stream into a second plurality of response messages; and,

processing said second plurality of response messages on said first computing platform.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting step uses an ~~HTTP~~ Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

6.   (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said HTTP transmission is secure.

7.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said request data stream includes authentication information for access to information on said second computing platform.

8.   (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said authentication information comprises a user identification and a password.

9.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said request data stream includes information for locating requested information on said computing second platform.

10.   (currently amended) A computer system executing computer functions for sharing data comprising:

a first computing platform;

a second computing platform configured to interface with said first computing platform;

an interoperability component coupled to both said first computing platform and said second computing platform, said interoperability component configured to:

format a first plurality of request messages to construct a request data stream;

translate said request data stream at said first computing platform into a platform independent language to create a translated request data stream;

transmit said translated request data stream to said second computing platform;

translate said translated request data stream at said second computing platform into a format readable by said second computing platform; ~~and~~

parse said translated request data stream into a second plurality of request messages~~;~~

process said second plurality of request messages at said second computing platform to create a plurality of first response messages;

format said plurality of first response messages to construct a response data stream;

translate said response data stream into said platform independent language; and,

transmit said response data stream to said first computing platform in said platform independent language.

Claims 11-12 (cancelled).

13.   (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein said interoperability component is further configured to translate said translated request data stream to a mark-up language format.

Claim 14 (cancelled).

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